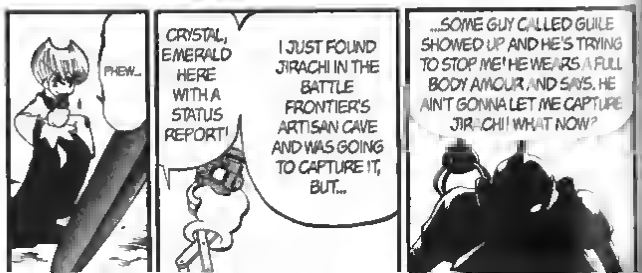

OH...YES...!
...IS THE REAL...
...JIRACHI!
CLANG
I'VE FOUND YOU...
CLANG
...AT LAST... HEH HEH! SO THIS...
CLANG
...U ARE THE "STAR" THAT WILL GRANT ME WISHES! COME TO ME!
COME TO GUILE!!
GUILE?!
EMERALD, DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT GUY IS?!
YEAH... I DO!
HE'S A BAD GUY WHO'S TRYING TO CAPTURE JIRACHI!
BUT I WON'T LET HIM GET HIS WAY! BECAUSE IF HE CAPTURES JIRACHI...
FLIP
BASH
..I'LL BE OUTTA BUSINESS!!
SO THERE!!

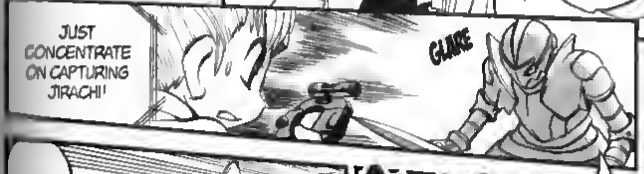

ZIG
ZAG


THUNK
KLAK


YOU SHALL NOT...
...CAPTURE JIRACHI.


PHEW...
CRYSTAL, EMERALD HERE WITH A STATUS REPORT!
I JUST FOUND JIRACHI IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER'S ARTISAN CAVE AND WAS GOING TO CAPTURE IT, BUT...
...SOME GUY CALLED GUILE SHOWED UP AND HE'S TRYING TO STOP ME! HE WEARS A FULL BODY ARMOUR, AND SAYS, HE AIN'T GONNA LET ME CAPTURE JIRACHI! WHAT NOW?


GOT IT! IT'S AS I'VE PREDICTED...
THAT GUY ALSO SLICED THE TIMER BALL IN HALF...
I WILL SAY THIS MUCH, HOWEVER...
DON'T PANIC, EMERALD! YOU'RE THE PROUD OWNER OF A POKÉDEX TOO!
BESIDES, WHEN CAPTURING POKÉMON, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO SHOW UP TO COMPETE AND SEE WHO GETS TO IT FIRST, RIGHT?
...YOU MUSTN'T THINK ABOUT BATTLING NOW!


JUST CONCENTRATE ON CAPTURING JIRACHI!
GLARE

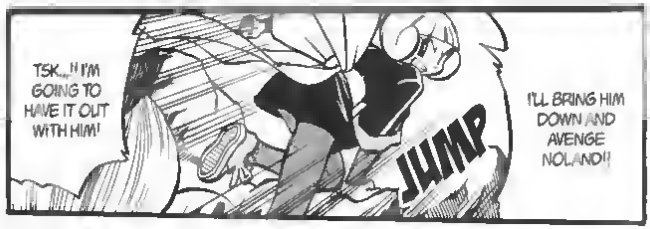

YOU SHALL NOT...
SLASH
...CAPTURE JIRACHI!!
SWING


CLANG
CRUMBLE
OH NO YOU DON'T!
POP
POP POP
BOOM
CLACK!
I HEAR YA, CRYSTAL!
I AIN'T INTERESTED IN "FIGHTS"! I ONLY DO "BATTLES"!
FLOAT
RIGHT NOW, I SHOULD BE GOING AFTER JIRACHI!
DASH
JIRACHI JIRACHI

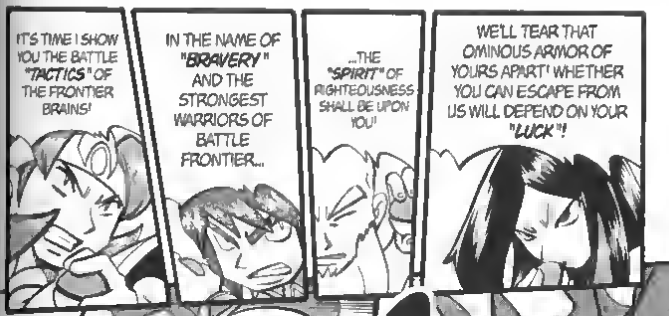

ROLL ROLL ROLL
THIS IS...!!
EMERALD! DO YOU STILL HAVE THE HITMONCHAN AND CUBONE I SENT TO YOU FOR THE BATTLE PYRAMID ON HAND?
THOSE TWO WERE REALLY RELIABLE, CRISTIN!
AS EXPECTED FROM POKÉMON THAT'S BEEN TRAINED BY YOU.
THEY'RE NOT JUST HELPFUL IN BATTLES, BUT GOOD FOR CAPTURING POKÉMON AS WELL!
LOOK AT YOUR POKÉDEX!
HITMONCHAN IS ABLE TO STRIKE FIRST WITH ITS "MACH PUNCH", AND CUBONE HAS "FALSE SWIPE"!
USE THE TWO OF THEM TO TRY TO STOP JIRACHI FROM MOVING AROUND FIRST!
GRIP
WAH!!
WHAT DO YA WANT?! STOP PULLING ME!!
NOT A CHANCE!
I HEARD YOU MUMBLING TO YOURSELF ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON CAPTURING THAT POKÉMON AND NOT BATTLE AGAINST THE ENEMY?!
HAVE YOU NO "FIGHTING SPIRIT" IN YOU?!
LOOK!! THESE POKÉBALLS THE ARMORED MAN RELEASED ALL BEAR THE SEAL OF THE BATTLE FACTORY!
THIS MEANS THAT THEY'RE ALL NOLAND'S RENTAL POKÉMON!!
BATTLE FACTORY
RENTAL
HE'S...
...THE CRIMINAL WHO ATTACKED NOLAND!!


NOLAND STILL LIES UNCONSCIOUS AT THE MOMENT!!
WE, THE SEVEN FRONTIER BRAINS, ARE COMRADES WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE BATTLE FRONTIER A SUCCESS... TO HAVE SOMEONE LAY HARM UPON ONE OF US AND THEN SHOW UP BEFORE US...
FANS WERE CONCERNED...
...THAT MATTERS MORE THAN CAPTURING SOME RANDOM PHANTOM POKÉMON


...


TSK...!! I'M GOING TO HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM!
JUMP
I'LL BRING HIM DOWN AND AVENGE NOLAND!!


THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU SAID IT!!

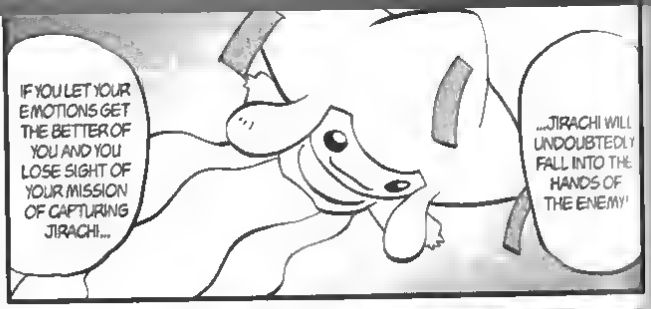

IT'S TIME I SHOW YOU THE BATTLE "TACTICS" OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS!
IN THE NAME OF "BRAVERY" AND THE STRONGEST WARRIORS OF BATTLE FRONTIER...
...THE "SPIRIT" OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE UPON YOU!
WE'LL TEAR THAT OMINOUS ARMOR OF YOURS APART! WHETHER YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM US WILL DEPEND ON YOUR "LUCK"!

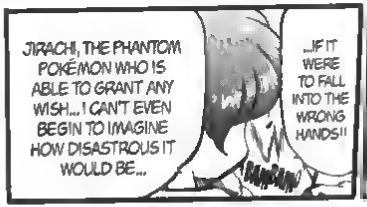

BALAMENCE! "FIRE BLAST"!!
ROAR
SWISH
CROBAT! "AIR CUTTER"!!
MAGIC! "BLIZZARD"!!
SEVIPER! "SLUDGE BOMB"!!
BH


BAM
BOOM
RRMMMBLL
GLARE
SWING
SLAM
WHAM
THUMP
CRASH


THAT'S SOME STRONG ARMOR HE'S GOT!
HOW WAS HE ABLE TO ESCAPE UNSCATHED AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY SO MANY POWERFUL MOVES AT ONCE?!
HE EVEN MANAGED TO REBOUND THE ENERGY DIRECTED AT HIM BACK AT THE FRONTIER BRAINS, KNOCKING THEM ALL OUT!
GUY."
HMPH!
SWARM
UMBREON!!
"DOUBLE TEAM"!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM


BAM
BAM
BAM
CRYSTAL, ARE YA SURE ABOUT THIS?
THINGS ARE GETTING RATHER IFFY ON MY SIDE, BUT..
..I JUST HAVE TO KEEP GOING AFTER JIRACHI, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN!
YOUR MISSION THIS MOMENT IS TO CONCENTRATE ON CAPTURING JIRACHI!!
OVER AND OUT!
BZZZZ
SUCH WONDERFUL COMPOSURE!
THE PERSON GIVING YOU INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE SOMEONE WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE, I'M SURE...


IF YOU LET YOUR EMOTIONS GET THE BETTER OF YOU AND YOU LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR MISSION OF CAPTURING JIRACHI...
...JIRACHI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY!


JIRACHI, THE PHANTOM POKÉMON WHO IS ABLE TO GRANT ANY WISH... I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE HOW DISASTROUS IT WOULD BE...
...IF IT WERE TO FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS!!
BARGAIN!


I SUPPOSE THE FRONTIER BRAINS...
...ARE STILL TOO NAIVE WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THAT!


LET'S SPLIT UP AND DIVIDE OUR ROLES PROPERLY
YOU GO AFTER JIRACHI, ANABEL...
...WILL BATTLE AGAINST THE ARMORED MAN!
BOOM
WHAT SAY YOU!


SHUFFLE
LET'S GO!!
HEH HEH HEH...
STOP THERE!!
GUILE, RIGHT?
I BEAR THE TITLE "MAIDEN"... MY NAME IS SALON MAIDEN ANABEL!!
AS THE MANAGER OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS, I HEREBY PRONOUNCE JUDGMENT UPON YOU!